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SURRENDER OF MILITANTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Militants operating in J&K Region surrendered during the last one year;

(b) whether the fake surrender were taken place in J&K as reported in the Hindustan Times dated January 9, 2005;

(c) if so, the facts thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to check such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) A total of 137 terrorists are reported to have surrendered during the year 2004.

(b) & (c): The enquiry conducted by the State Government of Jammu & Kashmir revealed that some youths were lured b y three suspected persons promising them jobs and financial help. The surrenderees were given fake names of active terrorists and missing persons believed to be in Pakistan occupied Kashmir/Pakistan presently. All the three accused who misled these youth have been arrested.

(d) The Surrender Policy announced by the State Government of Jammu & Kashmir provides for acceptance of surrenderees only after the antecedents of surrenderees are verified by the J&K police. The rehabilitation package is given to the surrenderees only on receipt of such confirmation. This procedure ensures that only genuine surrenders are accepted.